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RE: Application Serial No. 10/511,440
Applicants: Akinobu KAKIMOTO, et al.
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For: PROCESSING DEVICE USING SHOWER
HEAD STRUCTURE AND PROCESSING
METHOD
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Examiner: NG, JAMES WAI HEUNG

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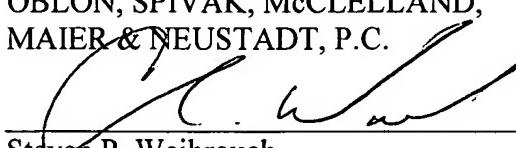
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Respectfully submitted,

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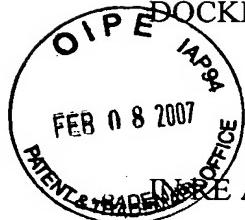

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 8, 2007, the Applicants elect with traverse the invention of Group II corresponding to Claims 7-9.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement based on the fact that the claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding restriction requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place an additional burden on the Examiner.

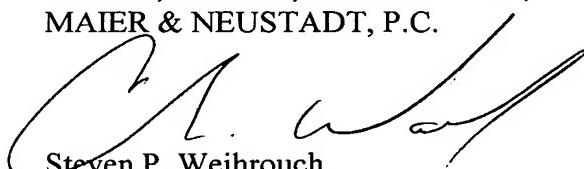
Additionally, the Applicants note that the groups are indicated as lacking unity *a posteriori*, "since the apparatus is not a technical feature that defines a contribution over the prior art," yet no search or consideration of the prior art has been conducted at this stage.

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Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single invention be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-9 be conducted.

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